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COMMISSION**

SUPPORT SYRIA SAFELY

**Give to registered charities with experience of
operating in dangerous and insecure environments**

For further information, go to our website at www.charitycommission.gov.uk/7772

Advice on giving safely to Syria

There is a genuine and desperate need for humanitarian assistance to help people affected by the conflict in Syria. We want people to continue giving generously, and to feel confident their donations are going to those who need them most. By donating to registered, experienced charities, you can have confidence that your donation will be used properly.

We know that unfortunately there are those who would abuse the name and work of charities and divert funds fraudulently for criminal purposes. These are the steps you can take to help ensure that your money gets to the right place:

- Before giving, check that the charity is registered with the Charity Commission by inputting the charity's name and/or registered number on the online Register of Charities at www.charitycommission.gov.uk (click on 'Find charities').
- Genuine charity collectors should be wearing an ID badge, be able to produce a valid local authority or police licence, have a sealed collection container and be able to prove they have the charity's permission to collect.
- Be cautious of poor grammar and spelling in documentation, including collection envelopes or clothing bags.
- Be careful when responding to emails or clicking links within them. Don't "click-through" from suspicious-looking emails. If you want to donate online, type in the charity's website address from your homepage.
- If you have any concerns about the legitimacy of a request for donations, don't hesitate to contact that charity directly. Be wary of any appeals where contact details are not provided. You can find genuine contact details for charities on their websites or on the Register of Charities, which is available on the Charity Commission website.
- If you are concerned that you may have been targeted by a fundraising scam, you should report this to Action Fraud by calling 0300 123 2040 or visiting www.actionfraud.police.uk

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